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1. ERDA PREFERS TO POSTPONE VISIT OF JAPANESE SOLAR THERMAL ELECTRIC POWER TEAM UNTIL U.S.-JAPAN SOLAR AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED.
2. THE JAPANESE VISITED U.S. IN 1974 WITH TEAM OF SPECIALISTS IN SOLAR THERMAL, PHOTOVOLTAICS AND HEATING AND COOLING. A U.S. TEAM OF SIMILAR SPECIALISTS VISITED
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JAPAN IN DECEMBER 1975. A JAPANESE TEAM OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SPECIALISTS VISITED THE U.S. A SECOND TIME IN NOVEMBER 1976. THE LATTER WAS THE PHOTOVOLTAIC TEAM WHICH HAD AN EXTENSIVE TOUR OF U.S. SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES. NOW THE JAPANESE ARE PROPOSING A SECOND VISIT FOR A TEAM OF SOLAR THERMAL SPECIALISTS.

3. AS YOU KNOW, THE SOLAR AGREEMENT IS ONE OF THREE
TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS, THE OTHERS BEING GEOTHERMAL
AND BATTERY, WHICH ARE AWAITING JAPANESE COMMENTS. WE

BELIEVE A STRATEGY OF HOLDING UP FURTHER VISITS UNTIL
THE AGREEMENTS ARE IN FORCE MAY HELP PROD MITI INTO
TAKING ACTION ON THEM. IF YOU PERCEIVE REASONS WHY
THIS APPROACH SHOULD NOT BE USED, PLEASE LET US KNOW.
OTHERWISE, PLEASE ADVISE DR. KOBAYASHI THAT ERDA BE-
LIEVES THAT FURTHER VISITS SHOULD AWAIT THE CONCLUSION
OF THE SOLAR ENERGY AGREEMENT AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD BE
PLEASED TO RESUME THE VISIT EXCHANGES.
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